seizures of narcotic drugs and arms/explosives. It is also reported that Pakistan agencies utilise drug money for financing trans-border terrorism in the State of Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of the country. The Government of India have conveyed to the Government of Pakistan regarding its complicity in sponsoring narco-terrorism in India, in November, 1998. Govenments of various friendly countries have also been apprised in this regard. The Narcotics Control Bureau of India in the Ministry of Finance which is the nodal agency for combating drug trafficking, maintains regular coordination with international agencies such as International Narcotics Control Board and United Nations Drug Control Programme. There is also a bilateral agreement with Pakistan for direct operational communication between the Narcotics Control Bureau of India and its Pakistan counterpart for combating drug trafficking.

All the enforcement agencies have been asked to maintain utmost vigilance along the border with Pakistan and step up enforcement efforts under the stringent provisions contained in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. The International Border with Pakistan in the States of Punjab and Rajasthan has already been fenced and fencing along the Rann border in Gujarat is underway. A decision has also been taken to adopt a multi-nodal approach for erecting an obstacle system on the International Border in Jammu sector with a view to check infiltration and smuggling of weapons/drugs, explosives, etc.

Bills Reserved for President's Assent

†3987. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bills sent by Governments of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab passed by them in 1999 to the President for his assent;

(b) the months in which the said bills were passed by Governments of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab and when these bills were sent to the Central Government; and

(c) the bills to which President has accorded his assent and the bills still pending with the reasons for their pendency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) In 1999, five Bills, as passed by the State Legislatures of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab, were received for assent for the President.

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) Available information in this regard is enclosed as statement :—

STATEMENT

(POSITION AS ON 28-4-2000)

Sl. No.	Name of the Bill	Date of Receipt in the Govt. of India	Latest position of the Bills
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(a)	The Electricity (Supply) Himachal Pradesh Amendment Bill, 1999	17-5-99	Assented on 04-02-2000
(b)	The Himachal Pradesh Taxation (On Certain Goods Carried by Road) Bill, 1999	24-05-99	Assented on 19-08-1999
(c)	The Himachal Pradesh Regulation of Public Deposits Bill, 1999	27-07-99	Referred to the Department of Legal Affairs for advice on 18-04-2000
(d)	The Punjab Municipal Bill, 1999	14-10-99	The State Government was requested to send clarifications on the points raised by the Central Government on 11-2-2000. The State Government's clarifications were received on 3-3-2000 and have been sent to the concerned Ministry/ Department for further Comments on 6-4-2000.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(e)	The Himachal Pradesh Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Bill, 1999	27-10-99	Assented on 29-3-2000.

The State legislations call for examination by the concerned Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India and consultation with the State Governments, wherever found necessary. The concerned Ministries/Departments have been requested to expedite their comments on the two pending Bills.

Facilities for Prisoners

†3988. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there are many such prisoners in various jails of the country who are ill and cannot be medically treated in the jails.

(b) what facilities Government propose to make available for such prisoners;

(c) the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the number of such prisoners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) 'Prisons' being a State subject, prison management is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government does not maintain statistics of sick prisoners. However, the Central Government has been extending financial assistance to the State Govenments for provision of medical facilities in jails.

NHRC on Miserable Conditions of Jails

†3989. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has shown concern and raised objection about the extensively miserable condition of jails and also have expressed desire to review the existing jail laws;

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